

# St Michael's Catholic Church, Hurstville

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 5

Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Fr Janusz Bieniek, Fr George Gorzkowski, Robyn Rodwell, Mike Amper, Alice Rivera, Pat Hinson, Winkie Monje, Alberto Rubinchtein, Valerie Gonzaga.

Apologies: Rebecca Besly, Henry Chandrajaya, Teresa Yin, Carmela Gonzaga, Amy Cheung, Emily Mak, Vicky Lavorato, John Romanous, Tony Sakr, Sandra Mak, Royston Fernandes, Jim Manwaring, Mario Sciacca, Rosamaria Lia, Rose Polic, Urey Lau, Margaret Tham.

- 1) Prayer was led by Fr Janusz/Fr George.
- 2) Robyn Rodwell (Principal) Bethany College Report
  - 2021 had 14 weeks of remote learning
  - 143 year 12 students who will celebrate their graduation next week
  - Bethany College met with Jesuit Refugee Service which will be involved with the school's social justice program
  - Enrolment for next year is full
  - Robyn generously offered to the parish the use of 2 twelve-seater buses for free (contact Lachlan)
  - School will ensure that the area outside of the Church on the Bethany side is free of rubbish and kept clear and clean
  - Tuesday evening devotions in the Church are disrupted by the noise of the garbage truck – Robyn will look into this (thanks!)
- 3) Parish Finance Report
  - Subsidy from government helped towards paying off insurance
  - Summary will be presented to parishioners soon after the PFC meeting
- 4) Mass times changes
  - The Monday to Friday Mass time will be changed from 9.15 am to 8.30 am
  - The change will be effective from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December
  - This adjustment by the parish community may ease the congestion in the parish parking area in front of the presbytery in the mornings
  - We ask that the SMSS staff facilitate the movement of the parents' cars when the students are dropped off in front of the presbytery to decrease the risk of accidents
- 5) Adoration chapel and perpetual adoration
  - The old sacristy has been converted into an adoration chapel. It still needs more work though
  - We are hoping to be able to do perpetual adoration at St Michael's
  - The adoration times are published in the parish weekly bulletin

- 6) We have anointing of the sick within the Mass at 9.15 am every first Saturday of the month.
- 7) Holy Communion for the home bound
  - let the parish office know if anyone within the parish who are unable to come to Mass would like Holy Communion taken to them
- 8) St Michael's Charismatic Prayer Group
  - Thursdays from 6.30 pm with an invited speaker
  - On the second Thursday of the month there will be a healing Mass at 7.30 pm
- 9) Parish Finance Council meeting on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.00 pm after the First Friday Mass
- 10) First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am
- 11) St Michael's Christmas Party
  - Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December after the 10.00 am Mass, Fr Ron Harden Hall
  - Organised by the St Michael's Filipino Cenacle Group led by Mike Amper
  - Preparation of hall on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00 am
- 12) Feast of the Immaculate Conception
  - Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December; Masses: 8.30 am & 7.00 pm
- 13) Installation of Fr Danny Meagher as auxiliary bishop
  - Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's cathedral
  - Fr George/Fr Janusz and the parish community will send congratulatory greetings to Fr Danny and later ask him to confirm the state school students in 2022.
- 14) Parish children Confirmation 2022
  - The SMSS candidates will be prepared by SMSS teachers
  - SMSS to liaise with Archdiocese directly
  - The ceremony will be held at the Cathedral either on 31<sup>st</sup> July or 7<sup>th</sup> August (SMSS to decide and inform Archdiocese)
- 15) Spanish community Mass on Saturdays at 6.30 pm
  - Fr Tomas Ruiz has been transferred to South Australia
  - Fr Delmar Silva has taken his place temporarily. Welcome Fr Delmar!
  - Children's catechism class will resume next year
  - Novena (evening prayers for 9 days preceding Christmas) in Spanish will commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm at St Michael's
- 16) Homewood Nursing Home

- Pat Hinson is taking Holy Communion to 25 residents every Tuesday
- A resident who is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion distributes the hosts to the other residents

17) Childcare project planning resumes with meeting with SCECS Franceyn O'Connor on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

18) Christmas decorations in the Church by: Sisca, Kyla, Shianti, Charbel, George Marianne, Therese, Valerie, Mario, Jocelyn, Alice, Mike

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm

Prepared by Valerie